

# Legend of Timpanogos staged

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The full-length production will premiere in the spring at the Capitol Theatre. But the public can get a sneak preview Saturday when Utah Regional Ballet performs in Payson. The 7:30 p.m. performance is sponsored by the Peteetneet Academy of arts. The program will include the pas de deux from the "Legend of Timpanogos," pieces from "Coppelia" and other classics. Joseph Woelfel, URB's principal guest artists will perform with Pamela Robinson of Ballet West. Other featured guest artists are Mark Lanham and Richard Bradley.

Tickets for the performance may be purchased by calling 756-8091.

The creative team for "Timpanogos" includes Jacqueline P. Colledge, URB artistic director, Michael D. Babbitt, Washington, D.C. composer, Bill Kirkpatrick, scenic designer and Sara Price, costume designer.

Colledge has wanted to choreograph a ballet based on the story of Timpanogos for a long time. With the help of June Chipman, various versions of the legend were compiled. Colledge chose the elements necessary to create the ballet.

Babbitt has composed numerous works, from a 40-voice chorus, to string quartet pieces, to a solo harp, to original aerobic music for fitness videos. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a bachelor's degree in music theory and composition and received the prestigious Barlow Endowment for composition at BYU. He was accepted to the graduate film scoring program at University of Southern California, but he has deferred that to fill the position he currently holds at Power Productions International, Inc., in Wash. D.C. where he is music department artistic director and producer.

Babbitt says, "During my student days at BYU, I was often moved by the sheer beauty of Mt. Timpanogos. It's exciting for me to translate that beauty and the legend behind Timp into music."

Price designed costumes for Ballet West for six years and continues to design for other ballet companies throughout the United States. Local audiences have seen her work in URB's annual production of "The Nutcracker."

Kirkpatrick says of the scenic design for "Timpanogos," "I love the challenge of creating special effects. For example with the help of Mike Handley, lighting director, I have been able to create the illusion that the audience is right in the thick of things."



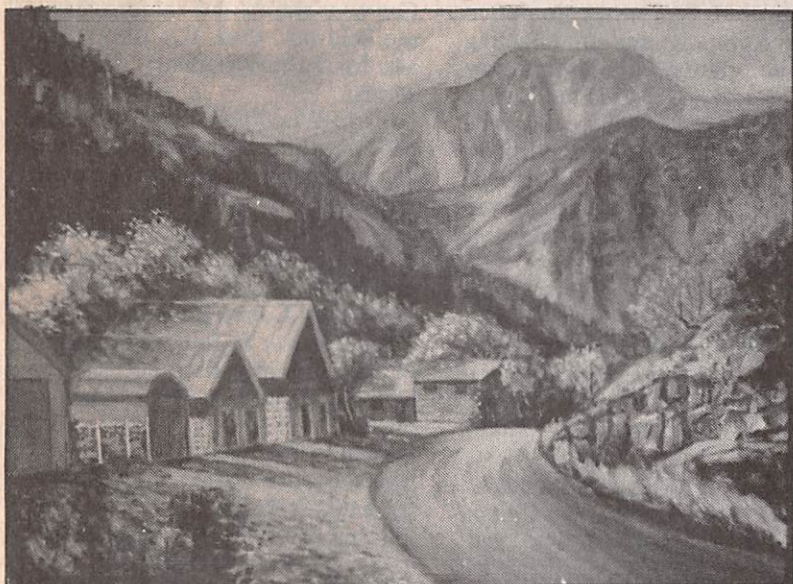
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# Timp Cave tours start on Friday

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**TIMPANOGOS CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT** — Timpanogos Cave National Monument will begin cave tours for the 1992 season Friday, and visitors will notice some changes have taken place over the winter.

New exhibits have been designed for the temporary visitors center and will be installed in mid-May. Major work is being done on the trail to the cave which will continue through June. Once complete the entire surface will have been repaved and provide an excellent walking experience.

Park crews have continued to make improvements around the temporary building and will continue to do so through the summer.

Tours are conducted daily with a limit of 20 people per tour. Tour tickets must be purchased at the visitor center before starting up to the cave. Advance tickets can be purchased by writing or calling the park at least two weeks ahead of your visit. They may also be purchased at the visitor center up to the day before the tour.

Advance ticket sales are highly recommended as tours often fill up early in the day. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-15, and children under 6 are free. For senior citizens with a Golden Age Passport, the charge is \$2.50.

The visitor center is currently open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Beginning May 17, hours will be extended to 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The monument picnic area is open from 7 a.m. until sunset daily.